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2015 Smarter Balanced Assessment Surveys

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) sincerely appreciates the feedback already provided related to the administration of the 2015 Smarter Balanced assessments using the three unique surveys that are available to District Test Coordinators, Test Administrators/Teachers and Technology Coordinators. These surveys will be opened for a few more days. This feedback will be used to help the CSDE prepare and improve the administration of the assessments in 2016.

District Test Coordinators Survey:

https://sdect.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cRTHr9VwUZB3OZL

Test Administrator/Teachers Survey:

https://sdect.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6Ym0VMXGvmMMhY9

Technology Coordinators Survey:

https://sdect.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0pL9vnuqlMSVEIR

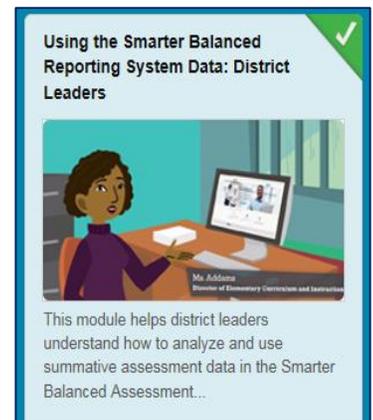


DIGITAL LIBRARY

Digital Library: Featured Score Report Module

[Using the Smarter Balanced Score Reporting System Data: District Leaders](#)

Summary: This module helps district leaders understand how to analyze and use summative assessment data in the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium Reporting System to make informed decisions to support student progress toward college and career readiness. Instructional videos, interactive learning events, and real-life scenarios explain what data are available, what the data mean, and how to use the data as part of a five-step evidence-based inquiry process. Educators have opportunities to practice analyzing Smarter Balanced assessment data and to consider how they might apply the inquiry process in their own practice. **Please note that the visuals in the reporting system may change over time as they are updated to provide optimal user experience. Connecticut chose to deploy our own reporting system, which will have slightly different visual components.**



Log into the [Smarter Balanced Digital Library](#) to access this Score Report Module. For more information about the Digital Library, visit the [Connecticut State Department of Education Web site](#). The [Digital Library Factsheet](#) outlines the innovative design and collaboration features.

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Reminders

The What, the How and the Why of the Smarter Balanced Interim Assessment Workshops

The CSDE is offering one-day workshops designed to support Grade 3 – 8 classroom teachers, instructional specialists, coaches, English language arts and mathematics department chairs, and interested administrators as they become familiar with the Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments.

Participants will learn how to:

- administer the Interim Assessments for English language arts/literacy and mathematics;
- score student responses using anchor and training materials;
- use the Teacher Hand Scoring System;
- understand how to interpret student scores; and
- use student performance reports to support instruction and augment daily formative information to gauge student progress.

Information about registering for the workshops is available on the [CT Core Standards Web site](#).

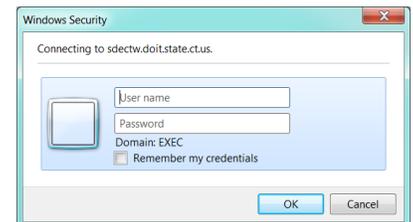
Contact Jennifer Webb at 860-713-6754/Jennifer.Webb@ct.gov or Deirdre Ducharme at 860-713-6859/Deirdre.Ducharme@ct.gov for additional information.

Test Security Incident Log Secure Upload Instructions

As noted previously in the *Student Assessment News*, all test security incidents should have been documented in a [Test Security Incident Log](#) to be provided to the CSDE at the end of testing. In addition, test security incidents that required specific actions to be taken regarding the test itself should have been escalated via the Appeals system in TIDE. **Districts should upload only ONE Test Security Incident Log containing information for all schools. The log should be uploaded by 5 p.m. on Friday, June 26, 2015.**

Instructions to Upload the District Test Security Incident Log:

1. Go to <https://www.csde.state.ct.us/districts/secureupload/>
2. Enter the same user name and password your district/school uses to access other legacy CSDE applications such as PSIS and ED166. Contact Carla Ghostlaw at 860-713-6741 if assistance is needed.



3. After logging in, you will see the “Secure Upload” form.

Complete the fields as follows:

- **FIELD NAME: File Category:** Other
- **FIELD NAME: Select File for Upload:** Click “Browse” to locate the file to upload. Then click “Open.”
- **FIELD NAME: E-mail Address:** Enter the e-mail address as abe.kristt@ct.gov.
- **FIELD NAME: Message to be sent to recipient:** No message is necessary.

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4. Click on "Upload." The following screen will be displayed when the upload is complete:



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